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Regents Recap

Regents holds 4th Annual Trusteeship Conference

Baton Rouge, LA- Higher education system leaders gathered today for the 4th Annual Board of Regents' Trusteeship Conference held at Pennington. This one-day conference focused on economic development and workforce development. The agenda consisted of presentations and panel discussions featuring management board members, system presidents, workforce and economic development leaders, key stakeholder/policy organizations, and national experts who conveyed the importance of higher education's role in economic and workforce development.

Opening remarks were made by Regents Chair, "Bubba" Rasberry, who challenged higher education leaders to:

- (1) Continue advocating for additional state support for higher education to address the economic needs of our state;
- (2) Continue supporting higher education funding that is fair and equitable;
- (3) Speak in harmony, with one voice, so that there is clarity in what higher education needs to do; and
- (4) Ensure that systems are focused on providing high-quality educational programs that are accessible to all.

The keynote address was provided by Brandon Busteed, Executive Director of Gallup Education, who announced that Louisiana leads the nation in workforce engagement. Engagement is defined as employees that are loyal and psychologically committed to the organization. Research shows that engaged workers are more productive and more likely to stay with their company. He also conveyed the importance of integrating a "flipped curriculum" in education. "A key ingredient in education is to start project-based learning, internships, and mentorships earlier in high school," said Busteed. "Giving students early workforce experience empowers their motivation for pursuing potential career pathways. We need to be aiming at discovering the unique talents of our students and build an academic and employment success plan around their strengths."

Busteed's presentation was followed by responses from Secretary Eysink, Secretary Moret, LABI's President Waguespack, and Ben Bordelon with Bollinger Shipyards, and another panel consisting of system presidents.

The afternoon session began with a panel discussion consisting of state legislators conveying the 2014 legislative priorities and their perception of higher education and workforce. "I think the environment is better than its ever been," said Speaker Kleckly, referencing the greater collaboration among systems in addressing workforce.

Topics ranging from TOPS, performance based funding, tuition autonomy, K-12 preparedness, and adequate funding for higher education were identified by the panelists as high priority areas for the upcoming legislative session.

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Trusteeship Conference Pics...



Regents Recognizes Dr. Jim Purcell for Contributions to Higher Education

Today, Dr. Jim Purcell was recognized for his leadership and service to higher education during the February board meeting. Purcell will be leaving the position as Commissioner next month. "Let me begin by thanking you for your hard work and dedication to the Board of Regents for the past 3 years," said Chairman Rasberry. "Your commitment to higher education is evident. We have always looked forward to your data-filled presentations and your researched-based recommendations to address many of our challenges. You have been a pleasure to work with, and on behalf of all of my colleagues on the Board – we thank you for your service."



Regents' Highlights

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- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Academic and Student Affairs items:
 - Letter of Intent: B.S. in Healthcare Management (UNO)
 - Center of Excellence: Proposed Deepwater Center for Workforce Excellence (Fletcher TCC)
 - New Advisory council for Teacher and Leader Preparation Effectiveness
 - Consent Agenda Items:
 - Reauthorization of Previously Approved Louisiana Vaccine Center (LSUHSC-NO)
 - Routine Staff Reports
 - a. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Unit
 - b. Letters of Intent/Proposals in Queue
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Facilities and Property items:
 - Project Utilizing alternative Means of Financing and Lease Request
 - Major Repair Fund Reallocations
 - Interim Emergency Board Request (LSU Agricultural Center)
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Sponsored Program items:
 - Funding recommendations for six NASA/BoRSF Research Projects
 - Two system nominees to the Board of Regents Support Fund Planning Committee
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Planning Research and Performance items:
 - Consent Agenda
 - 1. R.S. 17:1808 (Initial License)
 - a. The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
 - b. Drexel University
 - c. Lamar Institute of Technology
 - d. River City College for Online Studies
 - e. Washington State University
 - 2. License Renewals
 - a. Frontier Nursing University
 - b. University of Cincinnati
 - c. University of South Alabama
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the 2014 legislative proposals and the authorization for the Chairman/Commissioner to act on behalf of the board during the 2014 legislative session.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the authorization concerning the selection of an executive search firm.



About Regents

The Board of Regents, a state agency created by the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, coordinates all public higher education in Louisiana. The Board of Regents believes that a robust public postsecondary education system is critical in order to enhance Louisiana's social and economic environment. Through statewide academic planning and review, budgeting and performance funding, research, and accountability, Regents strives to ensure that all students have access to high-quality educational opportunities.

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